

Eid al-Fitr: A Time to Celebrate

B1 | Adults / Teens | Reading + Vocabulary + Discussion | 50-60 minutes

BEFORE YOU READ

Talk with a partner. What makes the end of a difficult project or period feel meaningful?

1. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1. festival | _____ | A. a meeting of people |
| 2. greeting | _____ | B. a special time of celebration |
| 3. generosity | _____ | C. the feeling of being thankful |
| 4. gathering | _____ | D. words used to welcome or wish someone well |
| 5. traditional | _____ | E. following customs from the past |
| 6. gratitude | _____ | F. a willingness to give or share |

2. Read the article. The bold words are the vocabulary from Activity 1.

- Eid al-Fitr is the **festival** ending Ramadan. Its date can vary because communities may sight the new crescent moon on different days. For many Muslims, it is a joyful day after a month of fasting and reflection.
- People often begin with a special prayer and exchange a **greeting**: 'Eid Mubarak'. Families may wear their best clothes, visit relatives and share food. A home may host a busy **gathering** of different generations.
- Food is important, but customs are not identical everywhere. Families may make **traditional** dishes from their own country or region. Children may receive money or small gifts, and many people enjoy giving to others.
- Eid al-Fitr also expresses **gratitude** and **generosity**. Before the festival, many Muslims give charity so that more people can take part in the celebration. The day combines faith, family and practical care for others.

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UNDERSTAND, DISCUSS AND WRITE

3. Comprehension. Answer in complete sentences. Use the article to help you.

1. What does Eid al-Fitr mark?

2. Why can the date vary?

3. What greeting do many people exchange?

4. Why can food be different at Eid?

5. How does charity connect with the festival?

4. Discuss. Talk in small groups. Give reasons and examples.

- Why do greetings matter at a festival?
- What food is traditional in your family?
- Is giving money or giving time more useful?
- How can a festival include many generations?

5. Homework: Write a descriptive paragraph.

Write 120-150 words about a family celebration. Describe the people, food and one meaningful custom.

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ANSWER KEY AND TEACHING NOTE

Vocabulary matching

1. festival - B
2. greeting - D
3. generosity - F
4. gathering - A
5. traditional - E
6. gratitude - C

Comprehension answers

1. What does Eid al-Fitr mark?

It marks the end of Ramadan.

2. Why can the date vary?

Communities may use different sightings of the new crescent moon.

3. What greeting do many people exchange?

They often say 'Eid Mubarak'.

4. Why can food be different at Eid?

Families make dishes from their own countries or regions.

5. How does charity connect with the festival?

It helps more people take part in the celebration.

Teaching note

Compare matching answers before reading. Accept other article-supported comprehension answers; discussion and homework answers vary. Discuss customs respectfully, distinguishing religious, cultural and personal traditions.